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AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Meeting of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (Council) Golden Crab Advisory Panel (AP).

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council will hold a meeting of its Golden Crab AP in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

DATES: The meeting will take place January 29, 2012. See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for specific times.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Harbor Beach Marriott, 3030 Holiday Drive, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316; telephone: (954) 525-4000.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Members of the Golden Crab AP will meet from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. on Sunday, January 29, 2012.

The Golden Crab AP will receive an overview of draft Amendment 6 to the Golden Crab

Fishery Management Plan for the South Atlantic Region. The amendment includes management alternatives for establishing a catch share program for the commercial fishery. The AP will discuss alternatives in the amendment, including options for allowing new entrants into the fishery under the catch share program, and provide recommendations for Council consideration.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see ADDRESSES) 3 days prior to the meeting.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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